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| In re Application of:         | ) |                               |
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| FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR | ) |                               |
| DETECTING AND PROCESSING      | ) |                               |
| ELECTRICAL AND OPTICAL        | ) |                               |
| SIGNALS                       | ) |                               |

**COMMENT ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

Applicant has the following brief comments concerning the Examiner's Statement of  
Reasons for Allowance.

### Remarks


First of all, there are both method and apparatus claims in this application. To the extent that the Examiner's Statement might be construed as implying that the claimed method could only be practiced using the apparatus components with the characteristics as set forth in the Statement, Applicants would respectfully disagree. Each claim stands on its own; attributes of apparatus claims should not be imputed to method claims, and vice versa.

Applicant next asserts that the Examiner's Statement presents the claimed invention in terms which are neither reproduced, *verbatim*, from the claims, nor consistent with the language cited in the claims. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are patentable for, and should be construed in accordance with, their respective recitations. To the extent that the language employed in the Examiner's Statement is not a direct quotation from the claims, Applicant submits that the Statement should not be construed in any limiting sense with respect to the scope of the terms used in the claims themselves.

Applicant acknowledges the other references made of record and not relied upon. A number of these references are Applicant's own patent applications and issued patents. However, there is nothing of sufficient relevance to require detailed discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

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